

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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INABA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2822

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Examiner: M. TRINH

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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

January 16, 2003

## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-14 and 21-34 without prejudice.

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